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22 April 1958

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, [redacted] 25X1A
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 22 April 1958

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to the IAC
25X1A [redacted] acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to the IAC

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1. Discussion of Presidential Decision re Recommendation No. 2 of President's Board of Consultants* (Memorandum to IAC and USCIB, 14 April; Memorandum to IAC and USCIB, 25 March - distributed through special channels)

The Chairman welcomed General Cutler, General Hull, Mr. Lay and members of their staff and expressed the appreciation of the intelligence community for their support in the past and for the opportunity to discuss with them the Presidential directive that the responsibilities now discharged by IAC and USCIB be vested in a single board.

General Hull noted the aims of the President's Board on Foreign Intelligence Activities in making this recommendation, including the desire to improve organization, increase coordination and enhance the prestige of the intelligence community within the government. He stated that it was desired to establish a single board which would manage, supervise and review intelligence activities, without assuming direct operating responsibilities. He also indicated his views with respect to the composition of a new board and its relationship to the NSC, noting that it was not intended to place a new super-board above the present IAC and USCIB but rather to modify and unify the structure of the present boards.

General Cutler outlined the President's attitude regarding the proposed merger of IAC and USCIB. In particular he noted the President's personal interest in a further integration and coordination of the activities of the intelligence community and the importance he attached to the ready availability of an integrated end-product in a time of crisis. General Cutler also commented on the President's view with respect to expediting the merger of the present boards.

* Members of both IAC and USCIB were present for this item, with [redacted] representing NSA and Colonel Lansdale the Department of Defense.

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The members then exchanged views with Generals Cutler and Hull on various questions related to the nature and function of the new board, touching on matters such as compartmentation and other security considerations, authority of the board to make certain international arrangements, practical problems involved in amalgamating boards with dissimilar functions, and the nature of the policy and supervisory responsibilities of the new group. The members also discussed questions regarding procedures and lines of authority for the new board, particularly in the light of applicable statutes and technical differences now existing between IAC and USCIB with respect to the position of the chairman and the procedures under which these two boards operate. Both General Hull and General Cutler expressed the opinion that the new board should review national intelligence estimates and General Cutler emphasized the importance of preserving the integrity, worth and utility of these estimates.

Following the discussion with Generals Cutler and Hull, the Chairman suggested that the members of IAC and USCIB develop a new NSCID prior to the deadline set by the President's directive. It was agreed that General Truscott should prepare a draft NSCID to be used as a basis for further discussion at an early meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes
15 April Meeting
(IAC-M-337)

Approved as written.

3. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 402

Noted.

b. Review of Sensitive Situations

The Chairman commented on recent developments in Indonesia and referred to the French and North African situations.

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After the Chairman raised a question with respect to Venezuela Admiral Frost reported information pertinent to that situation. Mr. Kent noted that an estimate on Venezuela was presently scheduled for production in the third quarter of 1958.

The members exchanged views on recent Soviet developments, particularly with respect to Soviet-Yugoslav relations, and the Chairman noted that he might brief the NSC on this matter.

4. Draft DCIDs 4/1, 4/2, 4/3 re
The Defector Program
(IAC-D-105/23, 17 April;
IAC-D-105/23.1, 17 April)

The members approved an amendment to DCID No. 4/1 as proposed by General Collins. Various amendments to DCID No. 4/2 suggested by General Schow were discussed. Views were also exchanged on DCID No. 4/3, particularly in the light of comments by
25X1A the Chairman and [redacted] Following their discussion the members agreed that the suggested changes to these DCIDs should be circulated with a view to taking final action on these directives at the next regular IAC meeting.

25X1A In this connection, [redacted] suggested that, after approval, these DCIDs should be transmitted to field stations through command rather than technical or intelligence channels, and the members concurred in this procedure.

5. Information Report to IAC
on the Defector Program
(IAC-D-8/41, 16 April)

The members noted this report and discussed with [redacted] 25X1A certain aspects of the defector situation, especially recent developments with respect to [redacted]

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6. Release of SNIE 100-4-58
Probable Sino-Soviet Reaction
to US Deployment of IRBMs on
the Soviet Periphery
(Memorandum to IAC, 17 April)

Agreed not to release this estimate to any foreign government.

Adjournment: 1235

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Secretary

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